

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

THE NEW ENTRY in the City Softball League, the Garrison club, haven't won a ball game in two starts but they put a most creditable showing Sunday against the league-leading Rollaway Aces.

This Garrison outfit has had less practice than any team in the loop and we have the feeling that when they get a few more games under their belts they'll be mighty tough to handle. The tougher they are, the better for The City Softball League.

Danny McCormack's Junior Basilla Youth Club lost their first two outings but they rebounded in great style with a most convincing triumph over BIS Shamrocks Sunday afternoon. As we stated the other day, there need be no tears shed for these Juniors who are loaded with ability and just as much hustle.

ROLLAWAY doesn't appear to have too many problems, neither do Barry's Lions. BIS Shamrocks won their first start but they booted the ball all over the lot in that game with the Juniors Sunday. Joe Thistle, who almost single-handedly won the laurels for the Irish last year, was the victim of the Shamrocks' defensive collapse. However, perhaps it was just one of those days for the Irishmen. They may have got all the errors out of their system in one game. Manager Ev Beagan surely hopes so.

WE UNDERSTAND Thistle won't be available for mound duty very often for the defending champions. Joe is on a night shift at present and Sunday afternoons are his only opportunities to toe the slab. Make no mistake about it, those Shamrocks will miss the game little hurler on week nights. However, Beagan may be able to come up with a real dark horse that will stand the opposing teams right on their ears.

THE KING'S COUNTY BASEBALL league got a real surprise on opening day when the St. Peter's Bay Rovers turned back the defending champions, Peakes Bombers, 18-16 in an eleven-inning marathon.

The youthful Rovers were surely a happy band after their initial win. It's always nice to win a ball game but to turn back the champions in their very first start in the league was indeed something for which to be proud. Another thing that made the victory taste all the better was the fact that the battle had been waged on Bombers' home diamond.

WE AREN'T predicting that Rovers will keep up their winning every time they meet the Peakes outfit. That is a tough chore to ask of this young team. However, we do believe that the St. Peter's boys are worthy new entrants in this loop. They appear to have a team that is dead serious about winning ball games and that in itself is a big factor toward success.

However, these lads from Peakes have always been a determined lot. They have had a whole lot of pretty fair baseball history down that way and they're in no mood for putting any blotches on that record. They naturally wouldn't like that opening defeat handed them by the St. Peter's boys but you can bet that the same defeat has made them vow that the same thing won't happen again.

Morell really looked powerful in walloping Georgetown and again they should be real contenders for the County title.

Another great season seems in store for the great baseball fans of King's.

FOLKS IN CHARLOTTETOWN should get their first taste of junior baseball very soon now.

Cochran Brian Lewis of the Legionaires tells us that Al Hollingsworth of Halifax is hollering for a game and Brian thinks his lads will be able to accommodate Al very shortly.

It shouldn't be too long before Legionaires and Abbies have a crack at each other. Both teams are working out daily and are rapidly rounding into shape. It will be interesting to see the two Charlottetown teams take the diamond against each other.

With Summerside getting a junior team in operation, we should see the westerners in action in a short while. The Prince County lads should be able to field a pretty fair squad, one that should make Charlottetown team battle all the way. And then it's likely that Mount Stewart will field a team. After the fine showing of last season, it would indeed be a pity if they weren't in the junior argument.

Prospects for junior baseball haven't been as bright in years. NEW YORK YANKEES showed signs of coming to life over the weekend. They crushed Baltimore Orioles 13-5 and 9-0 but they lost 2-1 decision in the nightcap of Sunday's doubleheader. That meant that in the four-game set with the Paul Richards' gang they did no better than break even. The Orioles blanked the Bombers Friday night when Hoyt Wilhelm threw a one-hitter.

The Yankees will have to play a lot better than .500 ball if they want to catch those front runners. Cleveland Indians still hold an 8 1/2 game lead over the Stengelites.

And brother, that's a lot of ground to make up.

Hammering Hank Sets Torrid Pace

NEW YORK (AP) — Hitting a blistering .461 after 36 games, Hank Aaron of Milwaukee Braves may become the ninth player in modern big league history to bat .400 or better.

Aaron is running ahead of the pace set by Ted Williams and Bill Terry the most recent .400 hitters, and Rogers Hornsby when he established the all-time high average of .424 in 1924.

Although only one-fourth of the season has been completed, Aaron shows little letup in his bombardment of National League pitchers. Even if he went hitless in his next 25 times at bat, Hank still would be over the .400 mark.

COMPARISON OF AVERAGES Here's the way Aaron compares with William in 1941, Terry in 1930 and Hornsby in 1924 after 36 games of the season.

G A B Avg. Williams, Bos AL 36 123 53 .431 Terry, NYK NL 36 151 58 .394 Hornsby, STL NL 36 146 60 .411 Aaron, Mil NL 36 154 71 .461

Williams wound up that season with .406. Terry ended with .401 and Hornsby with .424.

Hornsby also hit over .400 in two other seasons, finishing with .401 in 1922 and .403 in 1925. Ty Cobb also wound up over .400 in three campaigns, with .420 in 1911, .410 in 1912 and .401 in 1922.

The other .400 batsmen were Harry Heilmann with .403 in 1923; Joe Jackson, .406 in 1911; Nap Lajoie, .422 in 1901 and George Sisler with .407 in 1920 and 1922.

The records through Sunday's games show Aaron with a 93 point lead over runner-up Smoky Burgess of Pittsburgh in the National League batting race.

Johnny Temple of Cincinnati moved up one notch to third place with a five point increase to 344.

Harvey Kuenn of Detroit paces the American League with an even .400 average. Although he cracked out six hits in Sunday's doubleheader against Cleveland, Kuenn dropped four points last week with 10 hits in 26 at bats.

FOX'N THIRD SPOT Nellie Fox of Chicago White Sox remained in second place despite a three point loss to .363.

Eddie Mathews of the Braves continues to lead the National League in homers with 14. However, the slugger third baseman failed to connect last week while Aaron collected a pair of home runs to boost his total to 13.

Podres Hurls Los Angeles To 8-0 Victory Over Giants

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Los Angeles southpaw Johnny Podres lost a bid for a no-hitter in the eighth inning Monday but went on to shut out San Francisco Giants 8-0, allowing just two singles.

It was the first time San Francisco had been blanked this season.

Dodger first baseman Gil Hodges provided all the power needed with a pair of home runs, his fourth and fifth of the year, into the left field pavilion with a

man on base each time. Both came at the expense of losing left-hander Mike McCormick.

Dick Gray, Los Angeles third baseman, hit a solo homer in the ninth off reliever Joe Shipley.

Podres, the hero of the 1955 world series, didn't give up a hit, although walking three, until the eighth. Then, with one out, Daryl Spencer singled to left and Bob Schmidt followed with a one-base hit in the same direction.

Prior to his no-hit ruining blow, Spencer had collected just three hits against Podres in 32 times at bat during their careers.

Rollaway Aces Beat Lions 7-4

Duke McCallum hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning last evening to give the Rollaway Aces a 7-4 victory over Barry's Lions. The score had been knotted 4-4 going into the final frame.

Southpaw Wm Shepherd, held the Lions to three hits in grabbing his second win in as many starts. The Aces are now sitting on top of the league with a 3-0 record.

The Parkdale squad had lanky Vince Bradley doing the pitching chores. He was tagged for eight hits, struck out two and walked one.

Top batters of the night were

Jimmy Hughes and Duke McCallum each hitting 2 for 4.

The Lions took the lead in the second inning with a 3-run outburst. Their only other run was in the third. The Aces got one in the 2nd and three third to knot the score.

Of the three hits by the Lions, two were for extra bases. Sam Gregory hit a triple and Jack Kane smashed a double.

Frank Bell called the balls and strikes and Donnie Funnell MacLean was base judge.

Tonight Junior BYC is at Garrison, with action getting underway at 8 o'clock.

Mat Fans See Exciting Bouts

The first all-star wrestling match of the 1959 season sponsored by the Charlottetown Fire Department, was staged at the Sports Arena last evening.

The card consisted of two bouts, a single match between Paul Baillargeon of Quebec City and Dominic Bravo of Milan, Italy.

The second was a tag team match with Len 'Marvel' Hughes of Northampton, Mass., and Maurice Lapointe of Quebec City taking on Big Jim Bernard of Detroit and Otto Frank of Milwaukee, Wis.

Both these matches were the best 2 out of 3 falls. Paul Baillargeon took the first match, taking the Italian man in two straight falls.

Referee Fred Hayter disqualified Bravo in the first fall and awarded it to Paul Baillargeon. In the second time out Baillargeon stopped Bravo with an airplane

spin and a body press.

Fifty of action was witnessed by the fans in attendance in the second match which saw Hughes and Lapointe come out the winners.

The team of Bernard and Frank won the first fall with Bernard getting Lapointe down for the three-count with a back breaker.

Frank, the bad man of the match, was consistently warned throughout the match against rubbing his beard in his opponents' eyes.

He was warned several times for rubbing some object across the eyes of his rivals.

Hughes and Lapointe took the second fall with a series of flying mares and a neck cradle and the third fall was taken by this team when referee Hayter disqualified Frank and Bernard for using illegal tactics.

BASEBALL

National League
Los Angeles 004 020 011- 8 8 0
San Fr 000 000 000- 0 2 1

Podres 5-2 and Pignatano; McCormick 2-3, Worthington (5), Shipley (7) and Schmidt. HRs: LA-Hodges 2 (5), Gray (2), Milwaukee 011 100 000- 3 8 1

Phila 001 000 51x- 7 10 0
Buhl, 2-3 Giggie (8) and Crandall; Cardwell, 1-2 Semproch (8) and Sawatski. HRs: Mil - Logan (5), Philadelphia (2).

Chicago 230 000 211- 9 10 1
St. Louis 200 001 100- 4 11 4
Anderson, 3-3, Henry (7) and S. Taylor; Cheney, Broglio 0-3 (1), Kellner (7), Brosnan (9) and H. Smith. HRs: Chi-Marshall (4), Thomson (5), Long (6).

International League
Havana 000 200 000- 2 5 1
Buffalo 000 000 000- 0 1 1

Amor and Izquierdo; Short, Farrell (9) and Brown. Miami 000 000 000- 0 5 0
Rochester 107 000 350- 10 13 0
Fisher, McDermott (8), Archer (8) Lary (8) and Bucha; Bridges and Staniland.

STANDINGS

National League
W L Pct. GBL
Milwaukee 23 14 .622 -
San Francisco 21 18 .538 3
Pittsburgh 20 18 .526 3 1/2
Los Angeles 22 20 .524 3 1/2
Chicago 21 21 .500 4 1/2
Cincinnati 18 21 .462 6
St. Louis 17 22 .436 7
Philadelphia 15 23 .395 8 1/2

Probable Pitchers

NEW YORK (AP) — Probable pitchers for today's major league games (won and lost records in parentheses)

American League
Cleveland at Chicago (N) — Ferrarese (3-2) vs Donovan (2-2)
Detroit at Kansas City (N) — Foytack (1-6) vs Garver (3-2)
Boston at New York (N) — Brewer (2-3) vs Turley (3-5)
Washington at Baltimore (N) — Kemmerer (4-3) vs Brown (1-1)

National League
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee (N) — Haddix (3-2) vs Burdette (7-2)
Los Angeles at San Francisco (N) — Koufax (0-0) vs Miller (2-0)
Philadelphia at Cincinnati (N) — Gomez (1-2) vs Newcombe (3-4)
Only games scheduled.

Prince County Softball Schedule

Prince county softball league schedule:
May 16, Tyne Valley at Pontiacs.
May 27, Kensington at Legion.
May 28, Cape Traverse at Kensington.

BASEBALL

There will be a practice for Junior Abbies baseball team this evening at 8:45 at Memorial Field. All players are requested to attend.

SPORT ECHOES

BY NORMAN MACDONALD

There seems to be an unexpected hitch in proceedings in the Prince County Softball League. We have had one game—between Legion and Pontiacs, a thriller which Legion won 5-4—but since that time last Thursday there has been no indication when the league would get rolling again.

We had a phone call from Tyne Valley, and they seem very anxious to get started. They have been practicing for two weeks now.

OUR APOLOGIES Our apologies to Father Murnaghan of Grand River. We received his request to give publicity to the organizational softball meeting which is being held in Grand River hall tonight. We sent it in, but it must have got lost in the shuffle. It may not be too late yet to state that representation from communities interested in joining this league are cordially invited to be present at Grand River hall tonight at 8 p.m. Tignish, St. Roch., Wellington, and Grand River have already signified their intentions of joining the league.

We are glad to see this new interest in baseball in West Prince. The fires of baseball enthusiasm may have burned a little low in these parts but never did die as it had done in Summerside. There was always some baseball activity, but interest seems to be reaching a new high this spring.

The resurgence of baseball interest, began in King's County where the game is enjoying an amazing popularity, and this enthusiasm seems to be spreading to the other parts of the island. Both Charlottetown and Summerside are going in for junior baseball, a fact which is highly encouraging. Who knows—in a few years we may be having those

herculean struggles which Charlottetown and Summerside waged in the days of Joe Bernard and Lefty McAleer, or Buck Whitlock and Les Gaudet.

Summerside High School, under the direction of the sports leader, Charles Ballem, has organized a three-team boys' softball league. Grade XI-C walloped grade XI A-B 18-5 and the worm, meaning grade XI A-B turned—on grade XII and beat them 12-8.

Some fairly good ball is being sandwiched in between sorrowful cases of stumblumilis, and it shouldn't be long before a lot of these boys are ready for higher company. Robert Simmons' one-haird stab of a foul fly between first base and home was the most spectacular fielding play to date.

Curlers Name President Earle G. MacLeod has been named president of The Charlottetown Curling Club for the coming season. Mr. MacLeod was selected at a recent meeting of the executive. He succeeds Gordon Bennett who remains on the new executive as convener of the ways and means committee.

Other officers chosen were: vice president - Arthur Love; secretary J. R. LeClair; treasurer Gordon Stewart.

Other convenors of committees in addition to past president Bennett are: Games - Don Wonnacott; Ice - Jim Cameron; Entertainment - Henry Peters Property - Art Love; Membership - Gordon Stewart; School curling - Don Wonnacott.

ARTIFICIAL BREEDING CLUB ANNUAL MEETINGS

- Montague (Legion Hall) Tues. May 26th
- Hillsboro (Millview Hall) Wed. May 27th
- Eastern Kings (Souris) Thurs. May 28th
- Tyne Valley Fri. May 29th
- Morell Mon. June 1st
- New Glasgow Wed. June 3rd

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ated a second-inning tie Monday night, and Chicago Cubs turned on long-time tormentor St. Louis, 9-4. Starter Bob Anderson—with relief help from Bill Henry—staggered into the winner's circle. Bobby Thompson socked a pinch-hit homer good for two runs and Dale Long connected for a three-bagger as the Cubs combed four St. Louis pitchers, starter the beginning of the season, absorbed his third defeat without a victory.

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